

Newsletter

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Kirksville First Assembly of God

From Bobbie's Desk...

God-Size Dreams

Have you ever been given a dream that only God can make true? A dream so impossible that you have no idea how it's going to come about?

I've been reading a book called, "She Believes," by Debbie Lindell. At first, I thought, yeah this is a good book with some great God-given stories. But, toward the end of the book, it started to hit home.

I remember the night I believe God gave me my God-size dream. It was late summer/early fall 2019. I was diligently seeking Him to find out what He wanted me to do with my life. The year before, my life had taken a drastic turn after years of being in a horrible situation. I felt numb, stuck, and at a loss of what I was going to do with my life.

That night as I was seeking God's face, He led me to the scripture, Jeremiah 29:11: "I know the plans I have for you; they are plans for good, not disaster, to give you a future and hope." I felt Him speaking to my heart of where to go next. I followed that path for over two years. At one point, God gave me my dream job. But, eventually He moved me on and I came here.

I don't know if that God-size dream is over, but I do know that everywhere God led me on that journey was a stepping stone to where I'm at today. We may never know why or how, but God does, and if we love and trust Him, that will be all that matters. Faith can be, and is tough - even for seasoned Christians. One of my favorite verses to go to when I'm struggling to have that faith is Isaiah 26:3-4: "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." You can trust God to give you that God-size dream, hold on to it, and deliver it - whatever season of life you're in. Keep trusting in Him.

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Ministry Updates

The Believes Ladies Ministry

The ladies ministry is still in full swing. The ladies are getting things ready for the annual yard sale to raise funds for the High Hope Christmas Party.

Some of the ladies are planning on attending the NOMOAG District Women's Conference in September. If you are interested in attending, let Bobbie or Tiffany know. Cost for the Conference and lodging is \$55.00.

Small Group Ministry

Starting in September, Pastor Shawn is introducing the church to the Bible Engagement Project Curriculum. All small groups, including Sunday School will be teaching/learning from this curriculum. If you are not in a small group, but are interested, contact the office.

KidMin Ministry

Children's Director, Angela Meintz is gearing up for a Back-2-Bash on Wednesday, August 16. This event is mainly for our church kiddos and their families, but they are more than welcome to invite a friend. It will be "Backwards Night," so each child can come wearing their clothes backward, and we'll also eat dinner in backward order! On the menu: hot dogs/buns, chips, mac-n-cheese, cupcakes and drinks.

There is a table right outside the sanctuary with sign-up sheets. Please check those out. Sign up to help and if possible, to help provide school supplies to our kiddos. We'll be passing out school supplies that night.



Pastor's Thoughts

What is the purpose of the church? Why don't we just get beamed to heaven upon our prayer of salvation? These two questions are tied together. When we commit our lives to Jesus, we are doing just that... committing our lives. And we then spend the rest of our lives on this earth living in a loyal committed relationship to the cosmic king Jesus. Over the next few months in the newsletter, we will take a look at what our lives should be like as a part of Jesus's kingdom on earth...the church.

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember



Friday, August 4, 2023: Join us for our annual yard sale to raise funds for the High Hope Christmas Party. The Fellowship Hall will open at 10 a.m. The sale will continue on **Saturday, August 5, 2023** from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, August 13, 2023: Picture Directory photos!
Please notify the office if this date works for you.



Sunday, August 13, 2023: School Prayer Walk

Wednesday, August 16, 2023: Back-2-School Bash



Sunday, August 20, 2023: Picture Directory photos!
Please notify the office if this date works better for you.

Birthdays

- **Navarone Ellis** 8/9
- **Chayton Jones** 8/11
- **Tiffany Haley** 8/19
- **Al Sack** 8/28
- **Kennedy Meintz** 8/9
- **Howard Sherman** 8/17
- **Jayne Sherman** 8/24

Anniversaries

- **Gerald & Lois Helton** 8/4
- **Chuck & Roberta Ragland** 8/15

School Prayer

On Sunday, August 13 at 6 p.m. our church will participate in the Community Back to School Prayer Walk. There has never been a more important time than now to be praying for the children, teens and teachers as they go back to school this Fall.

If you are unable to participate in the walk, would you prayerfully consider to devote that time to prayer? A lot can happen when we storm heaven for our children, the teachers and the school itself.

*Let's also pray a special hedge of protection around Pastor Shawn and Angela as they go back to teaching this fall. They have answered God's call to lead our church. Let's pray, not only that God will continue to use them in that mission field, but also to protect them from whatever the enemy wants to throw at them.

August 2023

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30	31	1	2	3	4 Annual Church Rummage Sale 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	5 Annual Church Rummage Sale 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6 Connection Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m.	7 College/Career 7 p.m. Overcoming Setbacks 6:30 p.m.	8 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m.	9 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
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